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Top Stories

- Maine Gov. Janet Mills (D) signed into law the Act to Protect the Privacy of Online Consumer Information, which bans internet service providers in the state from using, selling or distributing consumer data without explicit consent. The state's new law, which goes into effect next month, was modeled after a now-defunct Federal Communications Commission measure that prevented service providers from selling customer data to third parties. (The Hill)

- Senior Google executives are pushing the Trump administration to either exempt the company from export restrictions with Huawei Technologies Co. or to further extend the implementation date of the new rules, according to three people briefed on the conversations. Once source said Google is worried the ban will prevent Google from updating its Android system on Huawei smartphones and subsequently encourage Huawei to develop its own, more vulnerable version of the operating system. (Financial Times)

- Facebook Inc. said it will no longer allow Huawei to pre-install its apps, including Instagram and WhatsApp, onto new smartphones after the United States put the Chinese company on a trade blacklist. The ban, which could dampen the sales outlook for Huawei, will only apply to new phones that have not left the factory, according to a person familiar with the matter. (Reuters)

Chart Review

The Days of Getting a Cheaper Cable Bill by Threatening to Leave May Be Over
Bloomberg

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

06/07/2019

Apple's WWDC 2019

The Capitol Forum's conversation with former FCC Chairman and author Reed Hundt — 12:15 pm

06/10/2019

Code Conference 2019

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Code Conference 2019

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General

Democrats Take Aim at Silicon Valley. They Take Its Cash, Too.
Shane Goldmacher and Stephanie Saul, The New York Times

Top Democrats in Washington and on the 2020 campaign trail are taking technology giants to task, calling them too big, too powerful and too careless about privacy. "The era of self-regulation is over," Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared on Monday.

Australian regulator rules Uber drivers are not employees
Jamie Smyth, Financial Times

Australia's workplace regulator issued a landmark ruling on Friday that Uber drivers are not employees and therefore have no right to a minimum wage or holiday pay, a decision that could inform similar investigations by regulators across the world.

Cisco CEO Chuck Robbins Talks About Trade and the Wonders of 5G
Jason Kelly and Carol A. Massar, Bloomberg

Robbins appeared on Businessweek Talks, where he addressed how the trade war is affecting Cisco Systems Inc. and the competitive challenges facing the $49.3 billion tech equipment maker.

Bezos On-Stage Talk Interrupted by Activist
Matt Day, Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc. Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos was interrupted by an animal-rights activist who rushed onto the stage where he was being interviewed during a conference in Las Vegas.

Slack Listing Will Test Wall Street Demand for Software Stocks
Alfred Lee, The Information

Slack's planned public listing later this month will be the next big test of Wall Street's demand for tech stocks. Recent IPOs, of Uber and Lyft in particular, have disappointed. But Slack has the advantage of being in a sector-subscription software-that is a hot favorite with investors right now.

As Walmart turns to robots, it's the human workers who feel like machines
Drew Harwell, The Washington Post

To Walmart executives, the Auto-C self-driving floor scrubber is the future of retail automation - a multimillion-dollar bet that advanced robots will optimize

operations, cut costs and revolutionize the American superstore. But to the workers of Walmart Supercenter No. 937 in Marietta, Ga., the machine has a different label: "Freddy," named for a janitor the store let go shortly before the Auto-C rolled to life.

Stocks Advance Before Jobs Report as Dollar Gains: Markets Wrap
Namitha Jagadeesh, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures rose with European stocks on Friday in the run-up to a key American jobs report. The dollar climbed and Treasury yields nudged higher. Contracts on the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average signaled a positive start in New York, and the Stoxx 600 Index headed for its biggest weekly advance in two months, boosted by a rise in oil stocks as crude prices rallied. Japanese and South Korean shares advanced, while China's markets were closed for a holiday.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Bezos Says Amazon Will Bet Even Bigger Despite Antitrust Probes
Tom Simonite, Wired

On Monday the House Judiciary Committee announced a bipartisan antitrust probe that has Apple, Google, Facebook, and Amazon in its crosshairs. The news followed reports that the Federal Trade Commission is examining Amazon's power over online retailing.

Facebook Revamps Defense Team as Antitrust Scrutiny Increases
Deepa Seetharaman and Jeff Horwitz, The Wall Street Journal

Facebook Inc. is revamping the leadership of its defense teams in the face of what is potentially the most serious antitrust threat to the company in its 15-year history. Over the past year, Facebook has appointed new heads of its legal and communications teams, as well as hiring Nick Clegg, Britain's former deputy prime minister, to lead its lobbying and public-relations efforts overall.

Europe shows challenges for US regulators targeting Big Tech
Kelvin Chan, The Associated Press

As U.S. authorities prepare to investigate Silicon Valley's digital giants, they'll look for inspiration - and warnings - from Europe, where regulators have led

global efforts to rein in Big Tech with only mixed results. The European Union's executive commission has slapped Google with multibillion-dollar fines for repeatedly abusing its market dominance to stifle competition.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

France Aims to Keep Huawei Away From Users' 5G Location Data
Helene Fouquet, Bloomberg

Huawei Technologies Co. won't be allowed access to users' location data even if its equipment is used in the roll out of France's 5G network, according to the head of the French cyber security agency. Guillaume Poupard said France is looking at ways to stop the Chinese tech giant's gear being used in critical parts of the network where key data such as users' locations and encryption keys are held.

Telecom Industry To Take $62 Billion Hit If Chinese Banned From 5G
Angelina Rascouet, Bloomberg

Excluding China's Huawei Technologies Co. and ZTE Corp. from the next generation of mobile networks would lumber European phone companies with 55 billion euros ($62 billion) in extra costs, the wireless industry's main lobby group said.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Lawmakers attack YouTube over platform's 'sexualization of children'
Harper Neidig, The Hill

Lawmakers are demanding answers from YouTube after researchers found its recommendation algorithms suggesting videos of scantily clad children, heightening concerns about predators on the platform. Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) sent a letter to YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki on Thursday responding to the findings detailed in a recent New York Times story.

YouTube Has Kid Troubles Because Kids Are a Core Audience
Paris Martineau, Wired

YouTube has a child exploitation problem. In February, the platform disabled comments on millions of videos that include children 13 and younger after WIRED UK revealed that pedophiles had used the feature to identify clips depicting nude or sparsely clothed children.

Facebook plans June 18th cryptocurrency debut. Here's what we know
Josh Constine, TechCrunch

Facebook is finally ready to reveal details about its cryptocurrency codenamed Libra. It's currently scheduled for a June 18th release of a white paper explaining its cryptocurrency's basics, according to a source who says multiple investors briefed on the project by Facebook were told that date.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Amazon's Home Surveillance Company is Putting Suspected Petty Thieves in its Advertisements
Samantha Cole, Motherboard

Amazon's home surveillance company Ring is using video captured by its doorbell cameras in Facebook advertisements that ask users to identify and call the cops on a woman whom local police say is a suspected thief. In the video, the woman's face is clearly visible and there is no obvious criminal activity taking place.

Microsoft Deleted a Massive Facial Recognition Database, But It's Not Dead
Jordan Pearson, Motherboard

Microsoft has unexpectedly pulled a gigantic facial recognition database containing photos of people's faces from the internet, but traces of the data trove remain online. If you've ever uploaded photos of yourself to the internet under a creative commons license-which allows for re-use under certain conditions-they may already have been used to train AI programs to recognize human faces.

U.S. Cities Strain to Fight Hackers
Scott Calvert and Jon Kamp, The Wall Street Journal

Local governments across the country are facing a growing threat of cyberattacks and escalating ransom demands, as an attack in this city has crippled thousands of computers for a month.

A Windows bug is so bad that even the NSA is urging PC users to update
Antonio Villas-Boas, Business Insider

Microsoft and the National Security Agency (NSA) are urging Windows computer users to update their operating systems after a vulnerability was discovered in older versions of the Windows operating system that could lead to malware similar to the devastating "WannaCry" ransomware from 2017.

Protecting the integrity of US elections will require a massive regulatory overhaul, academics say
Jonathan Shieber, TechCrunch

Ahead of the 2020 elections, former Facebook chief security officer Alex Stamos and his colleagues at Stanford University have unveiled a sweeping new plan to secure U.S. electoral infrastructure and combat foreign campaigns seeking to interfere in U.S. politics.

Listen for the log-in: Hackers may glean your password by listening to how you type on your phone
Hamza Shaban, The Washington Post

What if scammers could learn your password not from a massive cyberattack or taking control of your device, but from listening in as you type? That's the startling premise of a recent study by researchers at Cambridge University and Sweden's Linkoping University, who were able to glean passwords by deciphering the sound waves generated by fingers tapping on smartphone touch screens.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

China's 'National Security' Hypocrisy
Jeff Moon, The Wall Street Journal

Visitors to China often find a notice in their hotel rooms advising that popular websites such as Google, YouTube, Facebook , Twitter and even Wikipedia aren't accessible in the country. Beijing bans those sites in the name of "national security."

I left the ad industry because our use of data tracking terrified me
Richard Stokes, Fast Company

It was a little over two years ago that I realized the ad-tech industry had gone too far. I was an executive at a global advertising company, watching a demo from a third-party data provider on how they could help with ad targeting.

Research Reports

The future of women at work: Transitions in the age of automation
Anu Madgavkar, McKinsey Global Institute

The age of automation, and on the near horizon, artificial intelligence (AI) technologies offer new job opportunities and avenues for economic advancement, but women face new challenges overlaid on long-established ones. Between 40 million and 160 million women globally may need to transition between occupations by 2030, often into higher-skilled roles.

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